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あれが、青春だった。

『特異』が不運な人間を理不尽に殺す世界で羊の角を持つ神と出会った少女、緑の青春。

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THAT...
WAS MY
ADOLECENCE.

IN THIS WORLD,
THERE ARE MONSTERS CALLED THE "EXTRANEOUS"
THEY CAN MATERIALIZE IN OUR WORLD AT ANYTIME WITHOUT WARNING.
THEY ATTACK ANYONE, ANYWHERE AND THEN DISAPPEAR.
HOW LONG AGO DID THEY START APPEARING?
NO ONE CAN RECALL.
WHERE DO THEY COME FROM AND WHY?
NO ONE KNOWS.
LAST YEAR, THE NUMBER OF DEATHS CAUSED BY THE *EXTRANEOUS* WAS ROUGHLY
7500
PEOPLE.
AT ANY RATE,
IT'S ABOUT THE SAME AS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO DIE IN CAR ACCIDENTS EVERY YEAR.
THIS IS THE REALITY THAT SURROUNDS US,
SO IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE ANYTHING SPECIAL.

THE SITUATION I'M CONFRONTING RIGHT NOW
I'M SORRY...
AT LEAST NOT WHEN COMPARED TO
I THINK YOU'RE A GREAT PERSON AND ALL, MIDORI-CHAN...
AND I'M TRULY HAPPY THAT YOU HAVE ME IN YOUR HEART
BUT... IT CAN'T WORK BETWEEN US...
NOT BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE...
I...
ONLY LIKE GUYS.
SORRY,
NANASE.

AND WITH THAT...

TODAY...

I HAVE DISTANCED MYSELF...

FROM ONE OF THE ONLY FRIENDS...

I HAVE

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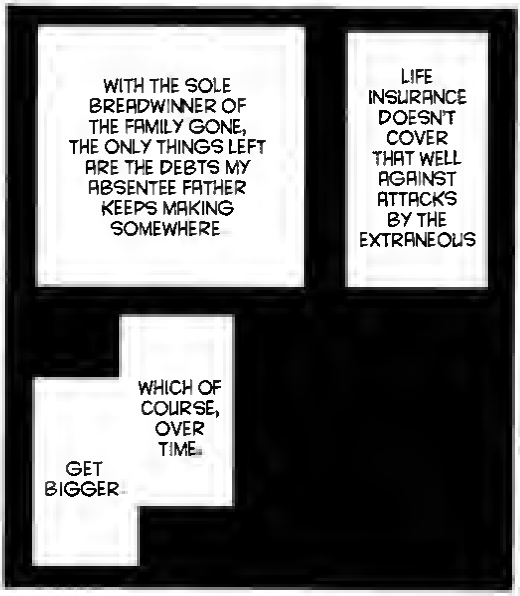
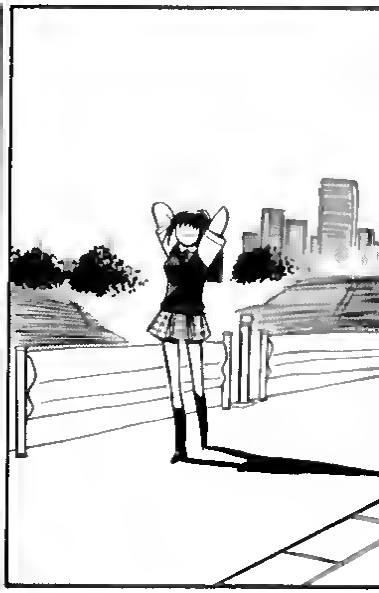
#1 MAKIHARA MIDORI'S YOUTH

Pay up!
Payment Demand Notice
Seizure
We can take your daughter away
Seizure
Seizure
Thief!
Follow the rules. You borrow, you pay.
Waste of a person!
Go hang yourself. (It helps)
Pay up!
Just sell your kidney!
Seizure
Go die.
Seizure
Go die, stupid.
Seizure
Pay up!
Seizure
Go die and get buried!

A CRIMINAL LIVES HERE!
HEY ...
TENANT.

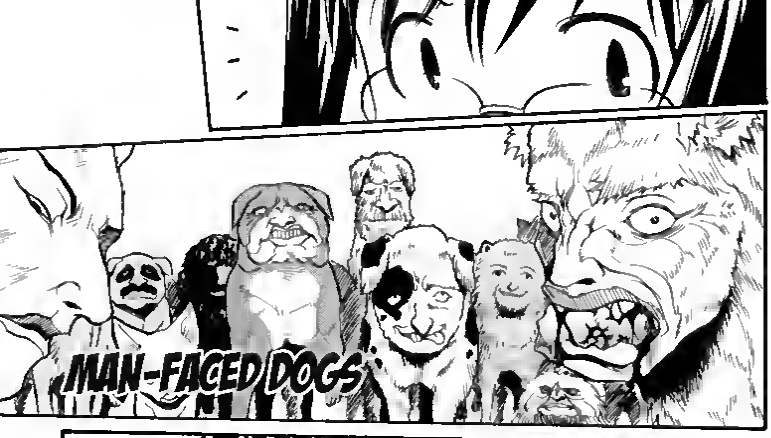

WITH THE SOLE BREADWINNER OF THE FAMILY GONE, THE ONLY THINGS LEFT ARE THE DEBTS MY ABSENTEE FATHER KEEPS MAKING SOMEWHERE
LIFE INSURANCE DOESN'T COVER THAT WELL AGAINST ATTACKS BY THE EXTRANEOUS
WHICH OF COURSE, OVER TIME
GET BIGGER

ONE YEAR AGO MY MOTHER PASSED ON.



AND SO, THIS DAY JUST PASSES ON.
YET, IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE ANYTHING I WANNA DO NOW, OR HAVE A DREAM I WANNA FULFILL IN THE FUTURE.
I AM NOT "EMO" ENOUGH TO SKIP SCHOOL OR BE A DELINQUENT OUT OF GRIEF.
SUICIDE IS OUT OF THE QUESTION.
CRAAAACK
(Shattered Dreams)
CALL FOR AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF ALL RESIDENTS!
NOTIFY THE THIRD DISTRICT HEAD-QUARTERS!
THIS IS BIG!
THEY'RE CLASSES 3 AND 4
WE'VE CONFIRMED AN OUTBREAK IN THE SKIES OVER THE SUWA AREA OF TAKATSU-KU CITY!
WROOOO
WROOOO
WROOOO
I should... Take shelter...
Is it... the Extra-neous?
YAAAA
AA!!

BAM
RUFF!
RUFF!
RUFF!
RUFF!
RUFF!
AHHHHHHHH!!!
Ouch-
WATCH IT, IDIOT!
KYAA!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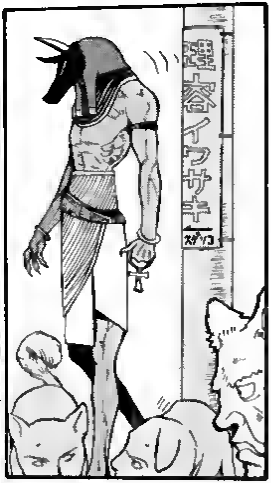
AH.

ANUBIS


黒犬神アヌビス

MY BODY WON'T BUDGE...
I'M SO SCARED... MY LEGS WON'T MOVE...
I'M SUCH A COWARD!
EVEN WITH SUCH A TERRIBLE LIFE, I DON'T WANNA DIE.
MOVE IT.
HURRY UP AND DO IT ALREADY!
WELL, WHAT'CHA WAITING FOR?
BAM!
IF YOU WANT TO DIE MORTAL,
THEN I WILL NOT STOP YOU.
BUT YOU ARE NOT THEIR TARGET.

I AM.
What!?
RUFF!
RUFF!
RUFF!
YOU MONGRELS...
WOOF!
WOOF!
WOOF!

SLASH
SLASH
SLASH
STAB
BY THE POWER BESTOWED UPON ME BY MY OMNIPOTENT DIVINITY, I REJECT YE, THE LAWS WHICH BINDS THY BONES, AND DECLARE THY EXISTENCE FOREVER OBSOLETE ONTO THE PLUTONIAN SHORES, NEVER TO RETURN!
FALL, DOG GOD!

BLANK
OUT
!!!!
glance
whimper
whimper
BEAT IT AND DON'T COME BACK!
BLEHH!

silence...
I'M MAKIHARA MIDORI.
AND YOU ARE?
I'M VERY POOR SO I CAN'T PROVIDE ANY TEA CAKES OR SWEETS...
BUT I STILL WISH TO EXPRESS MY THANKS FOR SAVING ME.
IT MAY BE TOO GREAT TO HEAR WITHOUT GOING INSANE...
WIPE
INTEND TO CALL ME BY NAME?
A LOWLY CARBON-BASED LIFE FORM SUCH AS YOURSELF...
glug
glug
YOU...
SLAM!
WHAT AM I, LIVESTOCK!?
No respect at all!
WELL, I'LL JUST CALL YOU HITSUJI-SAN THEN...
SINCE YOU HAVE HORNS.
Hmph
YOU DON'T WANNA TELL ME?

STILL, YOU SEEM VERY UNUSUAL FOR A HUMAN
UPON SEEING ME FIGHT MY BATTLE YOU DID NOT RUN
PLUS YOU EVEN INVITE ME TO YOUR HOME AND EXPRESS YOUR GRATITUDE
I'M...
NOT AT ALL REALLY...
WELL...
HOW SHOULD I SAY THIS...
IT'S NOT AS IF I DON'T KNOW YOU AT ALL.
?
I SAW AN OCCULT WEBSITE ABOUT YOU ONLINE BEFORE

A MYSTERIOUS GIRL WHO WIELDS A GIANT SWORD AND BATTLES THE EXTRANEOUS BY HERSELF.
ON HER HEAD WERE HORNS, AND SHE HATED HUMANS.
SHE HAS BEEN SPOTTED TIME AND AGAIN IN AGES PAST, BUT THE GIRL NEVER SEEMS TO AGE.
AND THAT PERHAPS IS WHY THE EXTRANEOUS MAY BE TARGETING HER INSTEAD OF HUMANS
SO I'M BASICALLY A LEGEND THEN
YOU HUMANS REALLY LIKE HANDING DOWN SUCH LOW GRADE STORIES.
WELL? DO YOU BELIEVE THEM?
Sigh
I DO TODAY
HITSUJI-SAN... WOULD YOU LIKE A BATH?
YOU JUST REALLY... SMELL OF DEAD DOG
HMPH...
YOU'RE QUICK TO CHANGE THE TOPIC.

THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE MUCH WATER...
I'M TRYING TO SAVE ON UTILITIES.
THIS IS WHAT'S LEFT FROM 2 DAYS AGO, AND I HAD TO HEAT IT MYSELF.
OOH! REALLY!?
HELP ME GET THIS OFF.
NOTHING ...
WHAT ARE YOU SO HAPPY ABOUT?
SEE, IF WE JUST SIT CLOSE TOGETHER LIKE THIS.
THE WATER RISES TO OUR SHOULDERS.
LIKE I SAID, WHY DO YOU SEEM TO BE ENJOYING YOURSELF?
Who are you Shizuka-chan?
I'M ALIVE...

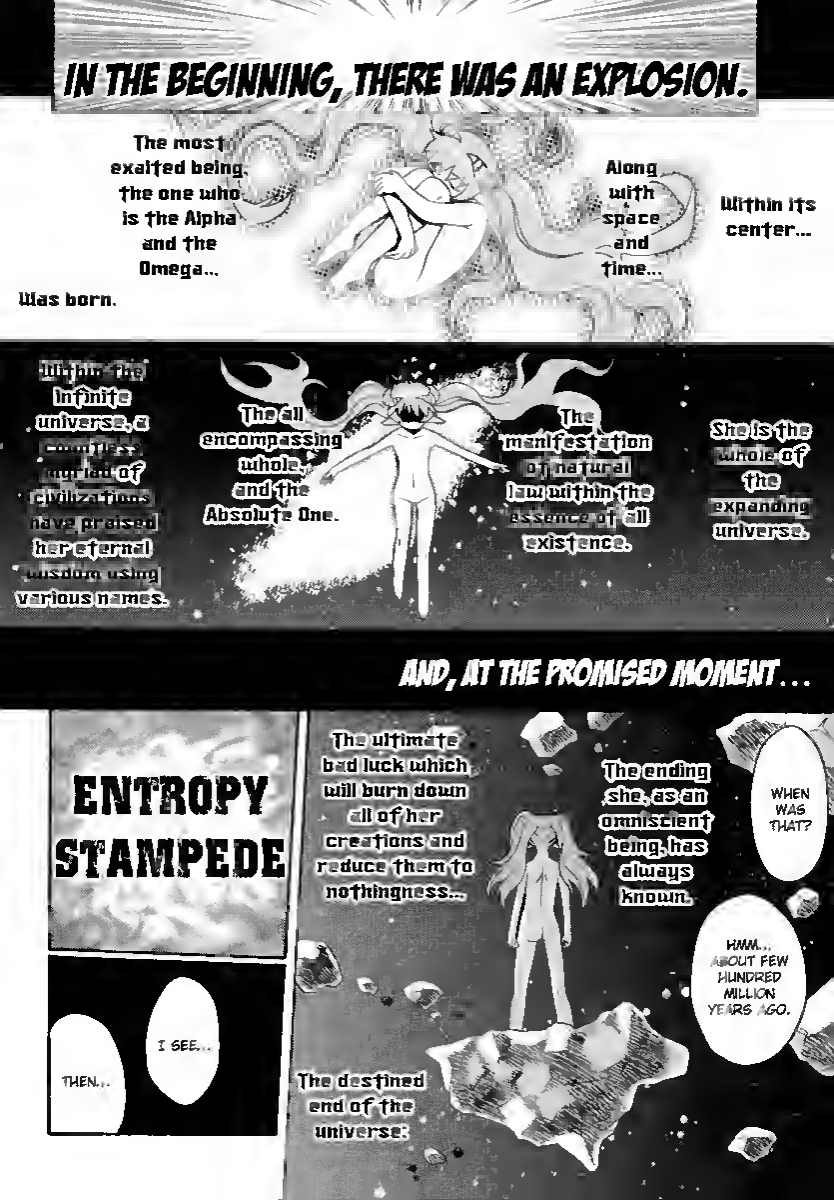
(Note "Shizuka-chan" is a reference to the bath loving character in the famous manga/anime "Doraemon"

EVERY DAY, NOTHING GOOD EVER HAPPENS
I THOUGHT LIVING WOULD ALWAYS BE THIS WAY
UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND, ANYONE ELSE, NOTHING BUT BREATHING AND CONSCIOUSNESS
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MYSELF AND A CORPSE?
BUT NOW...
THOSE ARE THE THOUGHTS OF SOMEONE ALIVE.
YOU CONFRONTED DEATH, STARED IT IN THE FACE, AND LIVED TO TELL THE TALE
bubble
bubble
YEEP!
YES, I CAN READ THEM
COMPARED TO SILICON-BASED LIFE FORMS, THE BODY STRUCTURE IS PRETTY SIMPLE.
PEOPLE LIKE YOU, I MEAN
You're also quite the lecher
MY THOUGHTS...

I CAN'T SAY I FIND THIS AGREEABLE
IT'S NOT RIGHT TO DO SUCH THINGS.
HUH.
THE FEELINGS THAT ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO OVERFLOW TEND TO ALSO BE THE ONES THAT THEY NEVER WISH TO DISCLOSE
HOW INCOMPATIBLE.
EVOLUTION TRULY IS FULL OF MYSTERY
Rinse
Phew!
Splash!
WASH MY BACK!
EH?
AH...
OKAY

THIS GIRL...
IF THE RUMORS ARE ALL TRUE...
SO MANY SCARS...
IT IS ONLY AN ACT OF SELF-DEFENSE
I DO NOT DISPOSE OF THEM TO PROTECT MANKIND
IS IT TO PROTECT HUMANS?
HOW LONG HAS SHE BEEN FIGHTING THE EXTRANEOUS?
HEY, DON'T GET ME WRONG HERE
YOU... READ ME AGAIN...
WHAT?
MAKIHARA MIDORI...

THERE IS HARDLY ANYTHING GOOD ABOUT IT.
WELL...
I DON'T LIKE IT...
DO YOU HATE THIS WORLD?
IS LIVING SUFFERING?
?
TURN
I...
SEE...
SHE MOVES AROUND SO MUCH IN HER SLEEP!
ACK...
THIS THIS HORN!
GRAB


IN THE BEGINNING, THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION.
The most exalted being, the one who is the Alpha and the Omega...
Was born.
Along with space and time...
Within its center...
Within the infinite universe, a countless myriad of civilizations have praised her eternal wisdom using various names.
The all encompassing whole, and the Absolute One.
The manifestation of natural law within the essence of all existence.
She is the whole of the expanding universe.
AND, AT THE PROMISED MOMENT...
ENTROPY STAMPEDE
THEN...
I SEE...
The ultimate bad luck which will burn down all of her creations and reduce them to nothingness...
The ending she, as an omniscient being, has always known.
WHEN WAS THAT?
HMM... ABOUT FEW HUNDRED MILLION YEARS AGO.
The destined end of the universe.

AT THAT TIME, SO LONG AGO THAT YOU CAN'T EVEN EXACTLY REMEMBER WHEN, THE WORLD WAS SUPPOSED TO DISAPPEAR?
IT IS NOT A RARE OCCASION
WITHIN THE INFINITE MULTITUDE OF PARALLEL UNIVERSE, QUITE A FEW ARE...
COMING TO INEXISTENCE EVEN NOW.
THUS IS THE NATURE OF A MISFORTUNE.
IT COMES, SUDDENLY, WITHOUT ANY KNOWN REASON...
AND NONE CAN OPPOSE IT.
BUT I DID.
BECAUSE I AM GOD.
THIS WORLD, FROM THE LARGEST GROUPS OF GALAXIES TO THE SMALLEST DUST, IS MY FLESH AND BLOOD.
IF I MAY SAVE IT FROM ITS ULTIMATE DEMISE BY THIS MISFORTUNE...
IT SHALL MATTER NOT IF I AM TO SUFFER ETERNALLY.
I SHALL TAKE THIS MISFORTUNE UPON MYSELF INSTEAD!
ELUDED
DESTRUCTION

This crystallization of all of the bad luck which was to reduce every creation to ashes...
And thus, within this great, unchanging darkness, a nameless grave was erected.
will draw misfortune till its negativity is spent away.
Indeed, it truly is the tombstone of the world.
can only be repaid by eternal suffering!!!
The price of avoiding death
THE END
As long as the universe exists, Hitsuji-san's lonely battle will forever continue!

DO YOU BELIEVE ME?
GOOD MORNING
HOW DARE YOU QUESTION THE PRESENTATION METHOD OF GOD..
HITSUJI-SAN
YOU..!
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT A FLASHBACK SCENE IN BED (CINEMA VERSION) IS A HIGH CLASS TECHNIQUE?!
Splash
Splash
THE CG LOOKS REALLY CHEAP
WHICH ONE DO YOU PREFER?
HEY..
YOU, GOD OF PESTILENCE, LEAVE THE EARTH NOW?
GOD, THANK YOU FOR SAVING THE UNIVERSE?
IF IT'S REAL, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY?
HITSUJI-SAN

BEFORE THAT, THE THING THAT DESTROYED THE FOOD MANUFACTURING COMPANY WHICH DROVE MY FATHER TO UNEMPLOYEMENT WAS AN EXTRANEOUS, TOO.
THE THING THAT KILLED MY MOTHER LAST YEAR WAS AN EXTRANEOUS.
HUH...
HOW UNLUCKY.
THE UNIVERSE BEING DESTROYED,
THE GOD OF PESTILENCE STAYING FOR A VISIT,
BEING BORN IN AN IMPOVERISHED, WARRING COUNTRY,
FAILING AN EXAM,
BEING HIT BY A CAR
AND BEING TORN APART BY A SERIAL KILLER..
AT THEIR CORE, THEY ARE ALL JUST ACCIDENTS!
WELL WHAT ABOUT IT?!
TO YOU GUYS, THEY MAY BE A MYSTERIOUS DISASTER BUT
THAT IS THE NATURE OF MISFORTUNE!
Ah ha ha ha ha!
HOW ANNOYING, PLAYING THE VICTIM.
THE ONLY THING YOU CARE ABOUT IS YOUR OWN DAMN SELVES!
THE ONLY THING THAT WILL HAPPEN IS THAT IN SOME OTHER UNLUCKY STAR SOMEWHERE, ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT OF PEOPLE WILL BE THE NEW VICTIM!
SHALL I LEAVE THIS PLANET IN ACCORDANCE TO YOUR WISH?
HUUUH?!

THE CAUSE OF ALL OF THIS IS YOUR THOUGHTLESS DECISION TO SHOULDER ALL THESE MISFORTUNES AS A DEBT!
HOW CHILDISH... WHAT'S THIS...?
AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A GOD?
THAT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER!!!
IF THE WORLD HAD BEEN DESTROYED, YOUR PARENTS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN BORN IN THE FIRST PLACE!
WHO CARES!
YOU IDIOT CHILD WHO DOES NOT EVEN KNOW WAR!
EACH ONE OF THEM HAS A FAMILY!
IT'S ONLY A LIFE OF A HUNDRED YEARS OR SO.
SO WHAT IF A SMALL PORTION OF YOUR BILLIONS END UP DYING SOONER?
WHAT OF THESE VARIOUS LIVES?
IF I WASN'T BORN IN THE FIRST PLACE, I WOULD'VE NEVER HAD TO SEE ANY MISFORTUNE OR INEQUALITY
...THERE IS A METHOD...

IF YOU WANT TO RESOLVE THE INEQUALITY OF THIS PLANET BEING THE ONLY ONE ATTACKED..
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS DESTROY THIS GRAVESTONE THAT DRAWS MISFORTUNE.
THAT WOULD SIGNIFY MY SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT FOR THE DEBT OF NEGATIVE ENERGY.
AND AT THAT MOMENT...
THE RELATED DESTRUCTION OF THE UNIVERSE WILL COMMENCE...
EQUALITY FOR ALL.
I-I'VE HAD FEW INSTANCES WHERE I WAS VERY CLOSE TO DOING SO...
BECAUSE OF THE ENDLESS, UNBROKEN CIRCLE OF BATTLE, MY BODY HAS WEAKENED AND IS TIRED
UFUFUFU...
BUT NOW, MY DILEMMA HAS BEEN RESOLVED
TO BE TOLD OFF SO HARSHLY BY MY OWN CREATION...
REALLY MAKES THE WHOLE DESTRUCTION ORDEAL ATTRACTIVE.
W...WAIT...
I BID YOU FAREWELL
REMEMBER THIS: YOU ARE THE ONE WHO PUSHED ME INTO THIS DECISION.
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE UNIVERSE
BE FOREVER CURSED BY EVERY LIVING SOUL!
MAKIHARA MIDORI

WHA... JUST WAIT A MINUTE!
WHAT IS THIS? THE ONLY THING I CAN SAY IS THAT YOU'RE THE WORST!
WHAT, I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO DIE?
IT'S AN AGREEMENT OF INTEREST. I'M ALL WORN OUT
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO DESTROY THE WHOLE UNIVERSE!
ARRRRGH! I DON'T CARE!
And to make it my fault too.
Chomp!
SLAP!
STOP IT!
I KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO KEEP LIVING EVEN IF NOTHING GOOD EVER HAPPENS!
LIKE IT OR NOT, THE REALITY IS THAT WE WERE BORN!
SO WHAT, YOU HAVE DEBTS?
YOU CAN PAY IT OFF IN SMALL INCREMENTS EVERY MONTH, IT'S NOT LIKE IT'LL KILL YOU!

COMPARED TO YOU, WE HUMANS MAY ONLY LIVE FOR A SHORT MOMENT...
BUT AT LEAST WE KEEP ON GOING EVEN WITH THIS KNOWLEDGE!
Y
YOU HIT ME...
BA
M
Loom

Roar!
GOZU
(BULL FACE)
Snort
MEZU
(HORSE FACE)
WOW.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE THEY ATTACKED ME TWO DAYS IN A ROW.
THEY ARE USUALLY SO RANDOM.
THEIR LOCATION OF EMERGENCE, THAT IS
HEY THERE, YOU ONIS.
FUFUFU, BUT YOU CAME AT A CONVENIENT TIME.
HOW ABOUT YOU DESTROY THIS?

Splat
Toss
NO!!
I MEAN...
Squish
SLAM
Kick
AH!
NO!
(Don't worry.)
BUT THERE'S NO WAY I'D HATE YOU FOR IT
SURE, I WAS A BIT SURPRISED...
(I'll see you tomorrow.)
SLAM
CRUSH
SLAM
NOT ME...
THIS GRAVESTONE HERE...
SWING
BAM
OUCH!

SLIDE
HITSUJI-SAN...
I...
REALLY DO HATE THIS WORLD YOU SAVED.
EVEN IF I LIVE ON FOR FEW MORE DECADES, I DON'T FEEL THAT I'D SEE MUCH HAPPINESS AT ALL
AND I'LL PROBABLY ENCOUNTER MANY MORE UNHAPPY EVENTS
Brrr
BUT...
BECAUSE OF THIS, I PROMISE YOU,
Whoosh

Roar
AS LONG AS I LIVE, I'LL BE THERE TO SUPPORT YOU AND CHEER YOU ON.
YOU, WHO WILL FOREVER CONTINUE TO FIGHT A HARDSHIP FAR GREATER THAN MY OWN.
WHENEVER YOU COME OVER
I'LL ALWAYS SERVE YOU AT LEAST A CUP OF BARLEY TEA.
I HATE MEN, BUT I'LL SOMEHOW HAVE A CHILD TO PASS YOUR STORY DOWN TO
SO YOU'LL BE FOREVER WELCOME IN THE HOUSE OF MY DESCENDENTS, EVEN CENTURIES INTO THE FUTURE
I'LL NEVER LEAVE YOU ALL ALONE
SO...
ROAR
PROTECT
MANKIND!!!
FEW HUNDRED YEARS HM?
TO ME, IT IS BUT A MERE BLINK OF AN EYE

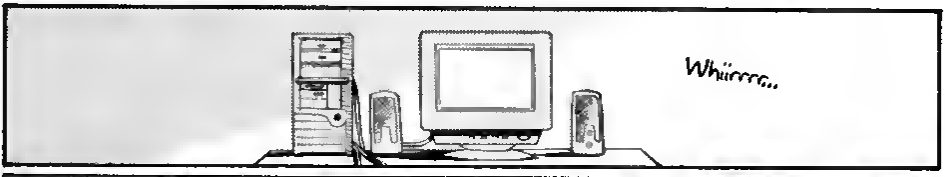
...I'LL NEVER LEAVE YOU
ALL ALONE.
YET I WILL BELIEVE YOU, MAKIHARA MIDORI
AND AS LONG AS YOUR CHILDREN COMPLY TO THOSE WORDS...
I WILL NOT ALLOW SUCH BEHAVIOR...
That feeling from when I decided...
That I wanted to protect everything.
It has come back...
Though only a fragment.
ON THIS PLANET!!
SLAM
ROAR
ROAR
RUSH

WHAT WAS THAT, COW-KUN?
WAS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE... A TACKLE?
SLA
SH

RIP
Sa-m...
WELL... I SUPPOSE
THE FIRST THING TO DO IS TO MOVE OUT...
TO A ROOM WHERE THERE ARE WALLS.

BECAUSE I AM A GOD, AFTER ALL.
BE IT MONEY OR STOCK IN JAPANESE TELEVISION NETWORK, I'LL GET YOU AS MUCH AS YOU WANT!
I DON'T NEED THE LATTER.
NANASE.
AND I GUESS FATHER, TOO.
MOTHER.
YOU BETTER TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND PAY FOR THE DAMAGE.
NOOO PROBLEM.

ON MY CAREER.
I'VE DECIDED...


Whiiirrrr...

EXTRANEOUS 911
Hitsuji-ya
いらっしゃいませ！
ひつじやは、お電話一本であなたのもとに羅の執士ひつじさんを超光速派遣する『特異』事遣代行会社です。
代表取締役 依頼 種
No matter where on Earth, one call and
We are here to create
your life!!!
about
スタッフ staff
システム system
掲示板
リンク link
お問合せ mail

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